

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-10 and the indication that claims 15-18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 1-10 remain in the application. Claims 11-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103 and have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to expedite prosecution. Claim 15 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 11 and is therefore now allowable, along with dependent claims 16-18. (The dependency of claim 17 has been changed.)

The specification has been amended to change "32" to "42" as requested by the Examiner. Note throughout the specification, the term "venous flow" is used to denote outflow or withdrawal from the body through the catheter and the term "arterial flow" is used to denote inflow or delivery to the body. It should be appreciated that in conventional usage, instead venous could be used to denote delivery and arterial to denote withdrawal. In any event, Applicantss use of the terms withdrawal and delivery in the present specification, claims and drawings are clear.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should the Examiner believe it would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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